

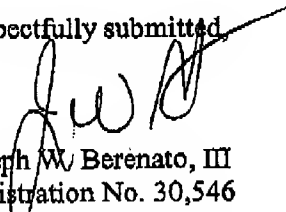
REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action mailed December 11, 2003. This Supplemental Amendment, in combination with the Amendment filed April 2, 2004, is intended to be fully responsive to the Official Action.

As suggested by the Examiner in the October 18, 2004 telephone conversation between the Examiner and the Applicant's Attorney, claims 1, 13, and 23 have been amended to indicate that the softboard is formed in the absence of heat to avoid curing of the binder resin.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that additional discussion is required, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to deposit account no. 50-0548.

Respectfully submitted,



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